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SUBJECT: WEST BERLIN: ARREST OF POLISH DIPLOMAT

(EUGENIUSZ PIELUZEK)

REF: BERLIN 045

1. POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP) STORY ON CASE IS PUBLISHED TODAY IN POLISH PRESS. ASCRIBED TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN WARSAW, DESPATCH DESCRIBES ARREST "ON STREET" OF SHIPPING ATTACHE OF POLISH EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN (AT NO POINT IN ARTICL IS PIELUZEK'S NAME USED) BY GROUP OF "PERSONS IN MUFTI, AMONG WHOM WAS A WEST BERLIN POLICEMAN." WHEN (UNIDENTIFIED) CHIEF OF POLISH MILITIARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN INQUIRE AT THE WEST
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BERLIN POLICE PRESIDUM, OFFICIALS THERE " ATTEMPTED TO

BASE THE DETENTION ON AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICES." PIELUZEK WAS THEN VISITED BY A REPRESENTATIVE (ALSO UNNAMED) OF THE POLISH MILITARY MISSION, TO WHOM HE SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD ARRESTED HIM HAD ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT HIM FOR "ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY AGAINST POLAND." POLISH AUTHORITIES ENTERED WITH THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES AND THE WEST BERLIN SENATE" THE STRONGEST PROTEST" AGAINST THIS "UNHEARD-OF ACT OF LAWLESSNESS AND PROVOCATION, THE LIKES OF WHICH HAD NOT OCCURRED FOR A LONG TIME," AND DEMANDED PIELUZEK'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE. "WE ARE WITNESSING A BRUTAL VIOLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF A POLISH REPRESENTATIVE AND GLARING VIOLATION OF THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN GUARANTEED BY THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT, WHICH FULLY ASSURES THE FREEDOM OF DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED IN THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR TO VISIT WEST BERLIN, AND VICE VERSA." " IT IS APPARENT THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVOCATIONS AND THE CONSCIOUS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FALLS ON THE INITIATORS OF SUCH ACTIVITY AND ITS CONSEQUENCES WILL REBOUND IN THE FIRST PLACE AGAINST THE INTEREST OF WEST BERLIN, WITH WHICH OUR RELATIONS HAD UP TO NOW BEEN DEVELOPING IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. THE LAWLESS DETENTION OF A POLISH DIPLOMAT, CARRIED OUT IN VIOLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND CUSTOM, INCLUDING THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT, IS AN UNPRECEDENTED CASE OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE. THE AUTHORITIES OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WILL APPROACH ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE AND THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM IT WITH COMPLETE CONSISTENCY." I ASSUME THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE WILL BE SUPPLIED BY ADDRESSEES BY FBIS.

2. WHILE FULL OF IMPLIED THREATS, THE ARTICLE'S BARK IS WORSE THAN ITS BITE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CAREFUL READER NOTES THE FAILURE OF THE ARTICLE TO STATE THAT "THE STRONGEST PROTEST" INCLUDED THE CLAIM OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR PIELUZEK, WHICH IS MADE ONLY IN A SUBSEQUENT EDITORIAL COMMENT: " WE ARE WITNESSING....," ETC.

3. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT THIS AFTERNOON WITH MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE, AND FOLLOWING IT, WILL REPORT WHAT HE CONFIDENTIAL

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